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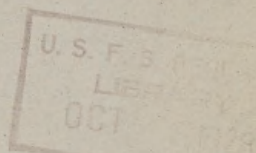
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CREOSOTED FLOOR LAID
IN DECAY HAUNT



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It is not infrequently true that "the cobbler's children have no shoes" and that the doctor will have none of his own medicine. But the creosoted subfloor shown here was treated and installed at the Forest Products Laboratory, one of the agencies urging the use of treated wood wherever it is feasible.

The foundation was low and there was no opportunity for ventilation beneath the floor. Because the conditions seemed to favor decay all joists and subfloor boards were pressure-creosoted. The subfloor boards were so well impregnated that it was not necessary to brush-treat the ends which were cut. As the joists were not cut to length before treatment these members were lap-jointed on a concrete foundation in the center to avoid cutting into untreated wood.

The Forest Products Laboratory believes that for long service in decay-favoring locations it is economical to use treated material, and that eventually it will be practicable to carry treated boards and timbers in stock in retail lumber yards.

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